

HOUSE BILL 691

By Cobb

AN ACT to name a segment of U.S. Highway 27 in Rhea County in honor of the late Tyler Leon Sneed.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Tyler Leon Sneed, Dayton Fire Department member 276, who lost his life in a motor vehicle accident on November 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, although a mere eighteen years of age, Tyler Sneed was mature beyond his years, and he exhibited a sincere love for his community through his distinguished record of public service; and

WHEREAS, Tyler had been volunteering at the Dayton Fire Department since turning eighteen, and he was finishing classes to earn his certification as a firefighter at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, he was set to graduate from Rhea County High School in the spring of 2011; and

WHEREAS, as a tribute to this exceptional young man and his many accomplishments, his helmet number 276 is being permanently retired by the Dayton Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Tyler's meritorious public service was in keeping with a proud family tradition, as his father, Chris Sneed serves as Dayton police chief, his grandfather, Leon Sneed, served as Rhea County sheriff for sixteen years, his stepfather, George Thacker was recently elected to serve as Rhea County executive, and his uncle, Mike Sneed, is a detective with the

Soddy-Daisy Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that a highway in his home county be named to honor Tyler Sneed's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the segment of U.S. Highway 27 in Rhea County that is 0.5 miles north and 0.5 miles south of Rhea County High School is hereby designated the "Tyler Leon Sneed Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to a remarkable young man who accomplished a great deal during a short time and who leaves behind an enduring legacy.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of U.S. Highway 27 described in Section 1 as the "Tyler Leon Sneed Memorial Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated

cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. The appellation "Tyler Leon Sneed Memorial Highway" provided for in this act is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality, or other governmental entity affected by this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.